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(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Sires voted for the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development bill, which included \$170,000 for the redevelopment of the Koppers Coke Brownfields site in Kearny. This abandoned 174 acre site has the potential to alleviate congestion in the region's heavily traveled transportation network and to also bring new business to the area.

Hudson County, which owns the land, plans to transform the Kopper Coke Brownfield site into a two million square foot industrial park that will include warehouse and distribution space. The county expects the project to create over 2000 new jobs and substantial new tax revenue.

"Better utilization of this site in Kearny will breathe new life into this area of the district," said Congressman Sires. "This redevelopment creates new jobs that will contribute to both the city's and the county's economic development."

Congressman Sires was joined by Congressman Rothman in advancing these funds. The Fiscal Year 2008 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill passed the House and awaits consideration in the U.S. Senate before heading to a conference between both chambers.